

Charnel Mulligan Park Renovation Project

Public Web Survey #1 – Executive Summary

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The City of Eugene's Parks and Open Space Division has decided to renovate Charnel Mulligan Park. The public involvement process to help determine the nature and extent of renovations began with the first public workshop on December 4th, 2012, at the Washington Park Community Center with approximately 50 citizens in attendance. A PowerPoint presentation was given followed by questions and answers. Staff explained that public feedback would primarily be taken through a series of web surveys. The first survey was open for responses from 12/4/12 through 1/13/13.

A copy of the survey is available as a separate document. All of the detailed survey results are attached to this document and will be discussed in broad terms in the presentation materials for the second public workshop held on February 12, 2013.

Survey Questions

Questions one to six were multiple-choice questions establishing information about survey respondents: where they lived, what their age was, did they attend the first workshop and if so how they heard about it, how often they visited the park, and what general park uses they felt were most important.

A total of 95 people took the survey, although not all questions were answered by all respondents. 80% of respondents were over 36 years old. Most respondents lived or worked within a ½ mile of the park. Only 33 of the 95 survey takers had attended the first public workshop. The top three most important general park uses were 'Place to Play', 'Gathering Place for Friends and Family', and 'Place to Unwind and Relax'. There was a broad distribution of how often respondents visited the park, with the highest percentages saying somewhere between once every other month and once a week.

The remaining questions had open-ended responses and are summarized below.

Question 7

When you visit Charnel Mulligan Park, what do you do and what areas do you use most often?

The most commonly mentioned area was the **grassy field** (running around, frisbee, soccer, playing with kids, dogs, etc.), followed closely by the **play area** (swings, slide, structure). Public and neighborhood events (hard surface/concrete area), walkways, tables, benches were next. The Shelter was mentioned a few times in both positive and negative connotations.

A number of respondents mentioned that their use of the park had changed as they had aged and children had grown up.

Question 8

What do you think the goals of the park renovation should be?

Combining responses that mentioned making the park a safe environment, and those that stressed addressing threatening and illegal behavior, **Safety** should be considered the top goal of respondents. Following that, **creating a friendly environment** (welcoming, inviting) was next. **Improving the play area**, and providing **activities for all ages** were also mentioned frequently. Other goals with multiple mentions include beauty, a community gathering spot (focal point), improving natural areas trees and landscaping (not overdeveloping), and improving circulation and access.

Question 9

What existing features or aspects of the park do you like the most, or feel are most important to preserve?

The most frequently mentioned feature was the **lawn and open space**, or the open feeling. Following that was the **play area**, with the caveat that most respondents felt it needed to be updated; specific play features called out included swings and sand. **The shelter** was next with many stating that they understood it was a source of problems, but hoped that it could be retained. **Trees and Natural features** followed that. Other features mentioned multiple times included paved areas and walkways, picnic tables and benches and lighting.

Question 10

What do you feel needs to be improved or changed the most?

A very wide range of responses and suggestions were given in answer to this question. Most mentioned was **the shelter**, with most saying it needed to be removed. Alternate solutions included moving it to the corner of Charnelton and 17th, making it lockable or framing it, and removing the tables from underneath.

The next most frequent response was **the play area**. Suggestions for improvement included using chips instead of sand, an updated structure, larger swing, larger slide, adding a sand and water play, a 'corn toss' game, climbing wall, an exercise feature for adults such as a chin-up bar.

Although not directly addressable by the park renovation design, **Behavior of some park users** was mentioned frequently. Additional safety improvements mentioned included **improving visibility by removing hiding places**, additional **police patrols**, and closing off the back alley access to 16th.

A **basketball ½ court** was also a frequent improvement suggestion. Other suggested improvements included free wireless, more trees and landscaping, flower gardens maintained by volunteers, picnic table with integral chess board, bocce or petanque court and a free standing chimney to attract Vaux Swifts!

Question 11

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the park?

By far the issues cited most were **behavioral** and the sense that **the park is not safe** for families and others. Behaviors mentioned included drinking, drug use, sleeping, urinating, defecating, as well as intimidating and threatening words and actions. The **structure** is seen by many as being a focal point for these problems, as were other locations with poor visibility such as the northern portion of Charnelton Alley, and the seating wall in the northwest corner of the park. The next most frequent issue mentioned were the need to **increase positive use and activities**. Other issues included increasing police patrols, improving the playground, keeping the park cleaner, and dealing with dogs running loose and owners not picking up dog waste.

Question 12

What additional information would you need in order to provide informed input about the renovation of Charnel Mulligan Park?

Additional information desired includes a very broad range of both specific and general items, including demographic and use information (i.e. law enforcement data), information about budget and cost of proposed items, how neighbors can influence the decision, how to increase citizen participation in the process, what possible changes might be, how seriously the illegal use issues will be taken, how many trees might be removed, can shelter be moved, how similar parks facing similar problems have addressed these issues, etc. Some of this additional information will be presented at the second workshop and posted to the project's web page.

Question 13

Are there any additional comments or suggestions you feel would be helpful?

Many additional obviously heartfelt comments and suggestions as well as offers of assistance were given, highlighting neighbors close connection to the park and desire to see it be a safe and enjoyable resource.

Conclusions

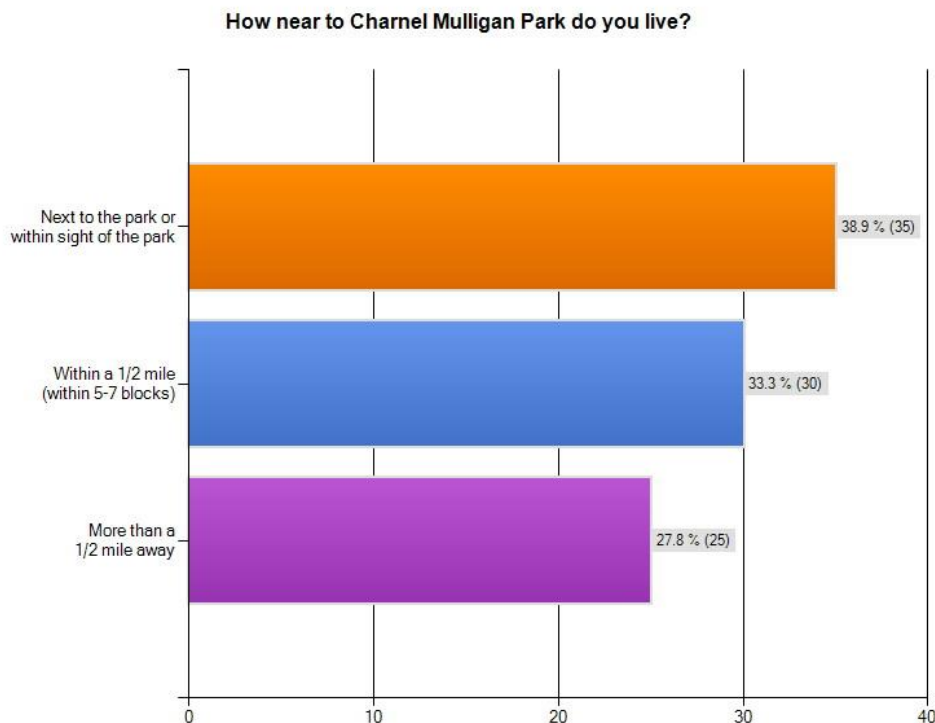
The survey results proved very useful in identifying areas and issues that neighbors and community members believe to be important in planning and design for this project. The survey made very clear that the main issue neighbors desire to be resolved is inappropriate behaviors and usage of the site. This issue can only be partially addressed through physical design; it also requires law enforcement, increased engagement by citizens through programming (both public and private), increased daily appropriate use of the park, and efforts of volunteers.

As for physical design, survey results indicate that primary components to be addressed are the shelter although there are divergent opinions about what should be done with it; increasing visibility and activity into all edges and corners of the site; maintaining the grassy field and open space; and improving the children's play area. Secondary contributing components include trees, landscaping and natural elements; and additional activities for all ages (i.e. basketball, exercise equipment etc.)

If you have questions about this document or any of the information herein, please contact Philip Richardson at philip.s.richardson@ci.eugene.or.us

Question 1.

How near to Charnel Mulligan Park do you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Next to the park or within sight of the park	38.9%	35
Within a 1/2 mile (within 5-7 blocks)	33.3%	30
More than a 1/2 mile away	27.8%	25
Other (please specify)		7
answered question		90
skipped question		5

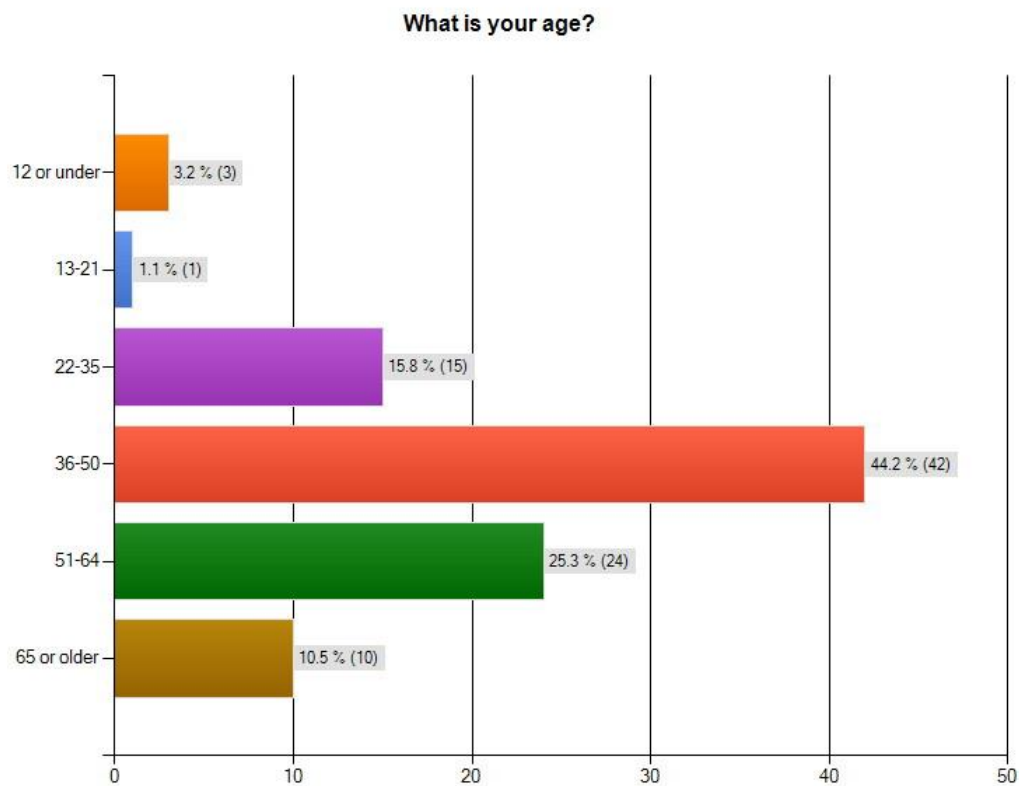


Other responses:

w/in one mile
I own the house closest to the park shelter.
Lived 1 block away for 5 years , currently work 1 block away
3 miles
Directly across from the park on Charnelton St.
I own Cornucopia 3 doors down.
2 blocks away

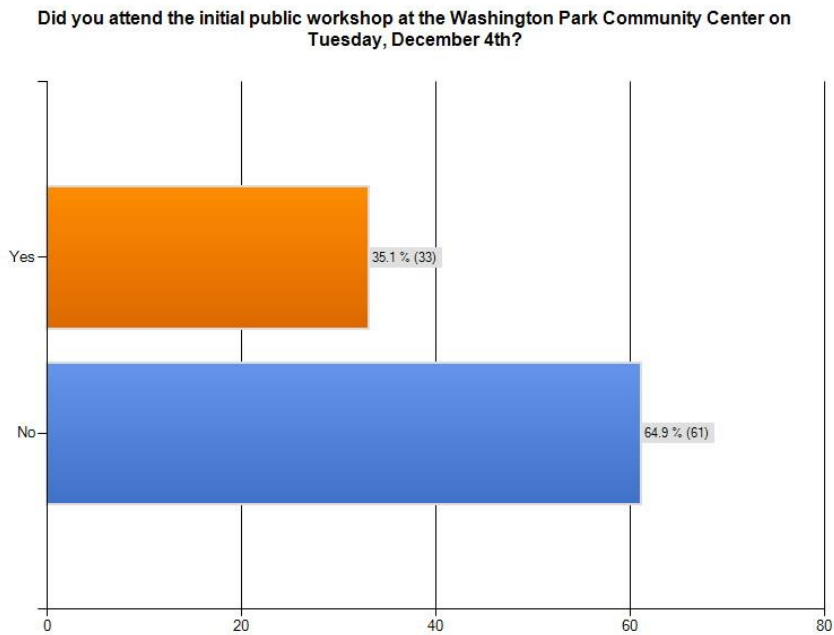
Question 2.

What is your age?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
12 or under	3.2%	3
13-21	1.1%	1
22-35	15.8%	15
36-50	44.2%	42
51-64	25.3%	24
65 or older	10.5%	10
answered question		95
skipped question		0



Question 3.

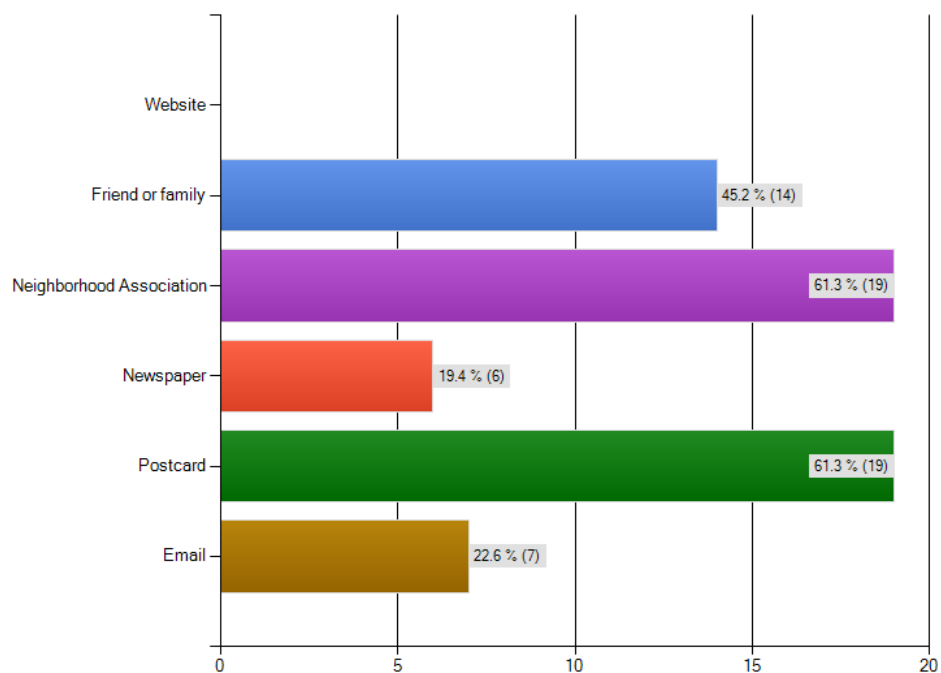
Did you attend the initial public workshop at the Washington Park Community Center on Tuesday, December 4th?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	35.1%	33
No	64.9%	61
<i>answered question</i>		94
<i>skipped question</i>		1



Question 4.

How did you hear about the initial public meeting on December 4? (Select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Website	0.0%	0
Friend or family	45.2%	14
Neighborhood Association	61.3%	19
Newspaper	19.4%	6
Postcard	61.3%	19
Email	22.6%	7
Other (please specify)		6
answered question		31
skipped question		64

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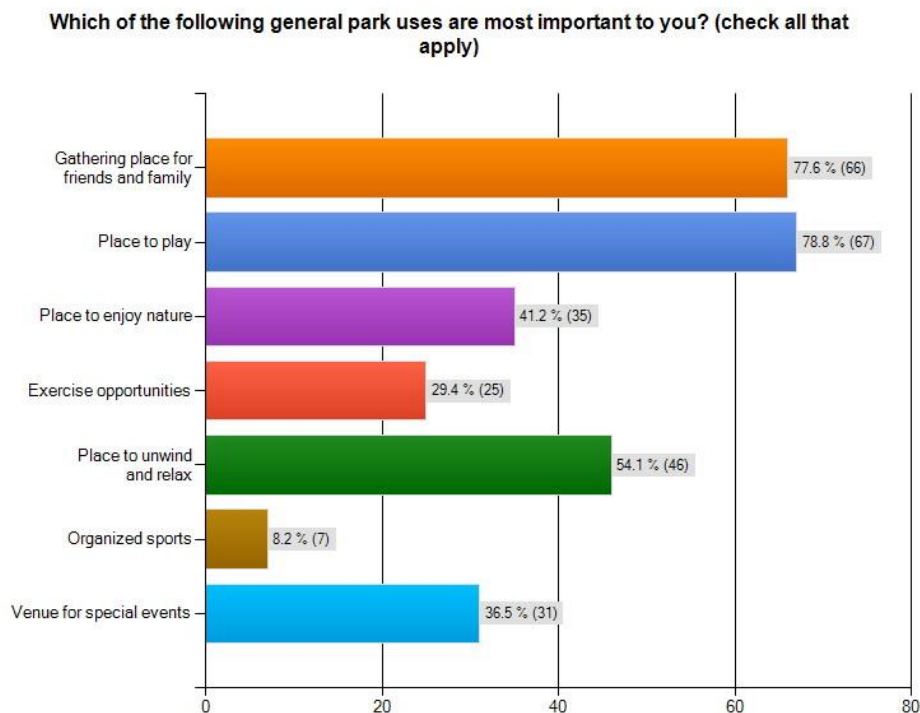


Other responses:

city staff
I've been involved with the initial group started 2 yrs ago
direct contact with Phillip through our park action group
Tom Happy
Directly from Philip Richardson
Tom Happy personally asked me to attend.

Question 5.

Which of the following general park uses are most important to you? (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Gathering place for friends and family	77.6%	66
Place to play	78.8%	67
Place to enjoy nature	41.2%	35
Exercise opportunities	29.4%	25
Place to unwind and relax	54.1%	46
Organized sports	8.2%	7
Venue for special events	36.5%	31
Other (please specify)		8
<i>answered question</i>		85
<i>skipped question</i>		10

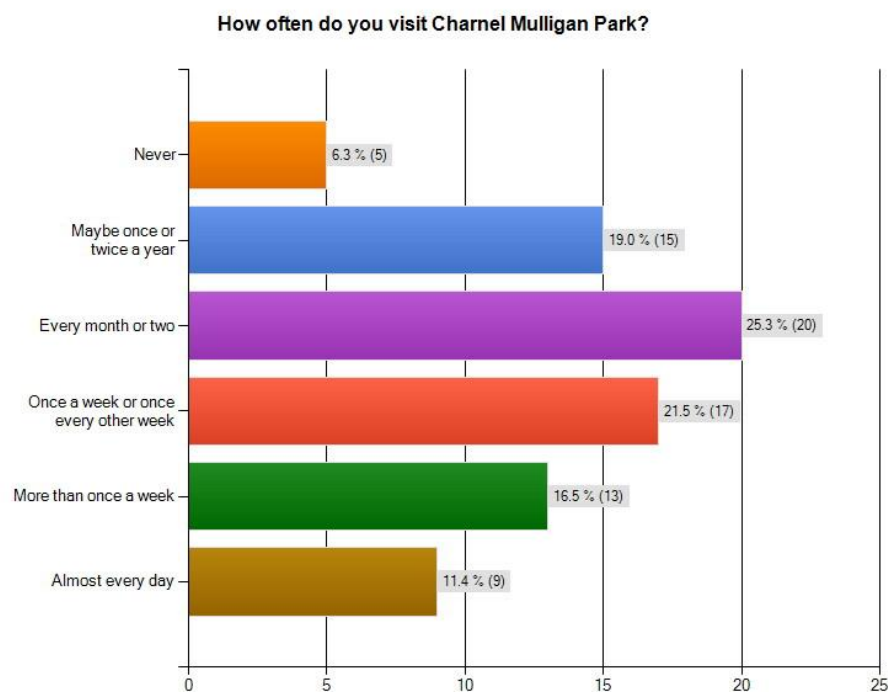


Other responses:

open space (non-built, see-the-sky place)
Pet friendly too
Visual open space in dense residential neighborhood
Place to meet neighbors, known and unknown. A community gathering place, in other words.
eat lunch
A place to enjoy with my dog.
Removing the drug traffic, this park is known as the "drug park" in this neighborhood
sports should be limited to sports that don't include baseball because of personal and property damage to the neighborhood.

Question 6.

How often do you visit Charnel Mulligan Park?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	6.3%	5
Maybe once or twice a year	19.0%	15
Every month or two	25.3%	20
Once a week or once every other week	21.5%	17
More than once a week	16.5%	13
Almost every day	11.4%	9
Other (please specify)		18
answered question		79
skipped question		16



Other responses:

we would go more often but I am uncomfortable taking my children there
We bring our girls from eating at Cornucopia to blow off some steam. The riff raff has pushed us away from the park almost all together.
Would visit more if not for disruptive users
Very rarely, though I walk by it daily.
It varies. Sometimes once a week; other times once every few months.
My family and I walk by but it regularly seems occupied by transients
I pass through the park several times a day, say 4 on average. However, we only go to the park to use

it maybe once every month. If it were a more pleasant place to be, we would probably go almost daily.
About every week or two during the summer. Less so in winter.
We probably go to Charnel Mulligan Park about 6 times each year. However, it's our closest park and we would like go at least every week or two if/when it is renovated.
walk through on my way home from shopping
I usually walk through the park on the way to Cornucopia, but I've spent time there drawing.
i do not feel that it is a safe place for families
More often in the summer months
WOULD VISIT MORE OFTEN IF THE DYNAMIC CHANGED/GOT RID OF THE PEOPLE DEALING/DOING DRUGS
more than once a week in summer
We don't go too much because of drug dealers/addicts/transients.
Very rarely in recent years....but I would hesitate to say "never".
I walk by the park most days but don't stop to do anything there. I've attend city sponsored neighborhood gatherings there.

Question 7.

When you visit Charnel Mulligan Park, what do you do and what areas do you use most often?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	78
<i>answered question</i>	78
<i>skipped question</i>	17

Responses:

Picnic under the shelter, frisbee on grass.
walkways benches stone walls for seating play area if I have kids along
We used to visit when our kids were small. They've outgrown the play equipment at the park now.
I often walk through the park while walking my dogs on longer adventures. My current usage does not reflect the past usage over the last 23 years raising children and a grandchild and using the park in many ways.
Play in sand, slide, run on grass.
throw ball with my dog, walk through on my way to somewhere else, have a picnic, enjoy neighborhood events that are held there
Play area
Read, picnic, non-competitive soccer.

Walk my dog. Sit on a bench waiting for a seat to open up at Cornucopia. Walk through on my way to work.
eat at the tables under the shelter after playing frisbee
Mostly walk thru with dog. Summer time, play Frisbee, play on equipment with kids, attend events
swings and the slide, laps around the perimeter
I enjoy looking out at the park through my kitchen window. I enjoy the naturalness of the trees and the park plants and the diversity of groups that come into the park for social gatherings, play, and sports.
Swing and slide
Play with my kids, ages 7 & 9.
The playground but fear of broken glass, used condoms and possible needles in the sand make it unusable.
eat lunch and appreciate the quiet area
to enjoy the playground with my child
We play catch with a ball in the grass, my son plays on the play structure and in the sand.
Play with kids, participate in neighborhood events
Mostly have used the covered area
I mainly just walk through it or by it on the way through the neighborhood.
There is not really anything for me to do at the park. The sitting places are not inviting. It would be wonderful to have a sheltered area in the neighborhood to practice tai chi, yoga or warm-up exercises in the rain.
I play frisbee and use the swings in the playground.
I take my grandchildren to play there
Relax. Would like to use the tables in the shelter, but they are occupied by transients.
Sit and read or eat using the picnic tables, play with my dog in the open area.
Grass and benches
My children play in the sand and on the play structure and swings. Sometimes we play bocce ball in the grass and occasionally we'll have a picnic there.
Mostly to check out the park and see what is going on and whether it is safe to be there.
drink coffee, read newspaper, relax at picnic tables.
Grass area but only in the summer
Open field for frisbee or fetch w/ dog
eat lunch
play catch with a frisbee
I mostly visit the park to ask the homeless people to either pick up the trash they have thrown down or to remind them they can't camp there. Also visit the park to break up would-be drug deals. If it weren't for those aspects, I would actually be able to use the park for the above activities I listed.
Kids park with my daughter and hill to take a break before or after work.
The grass area for football, disc golf, ect.
We lounge on the grass mostly.
Play frisbee in the field, play on the swings
Frisbee
I regularly enter through the NW corner right-of-way and exit through the south end near the covered structure, and then do the same in reverse upon my return. I am patrolling for illegal behavior. When I see it, I either call the police, or confront the perpetrators. When using the park for pleasure, my kids like to play on the play structures, and run around in the open field, usually with balls and/or

frisbee-like discs involved.
My children run in the field with soccer or football and play on the playground structure.
The benches, playground, and open grass area.
Sit at the picnic tables
My children play (2 and 5 months) on the equipment or in the sand. We run around. I've attended neighborhood parties there. My good friends live right behind the park and we would like to hang out there more than we do.
I bring my kids to play on playground after having a meal with them at Cornucopia.
The playground
Walk along the west path--from 17th to 16th
Sit on the benches and people watch.
I have helped with neighborhood picnics held at the park.
Now that our kids are grown and out of the house we don't have call to use the park. When they were young we used the playground once or twice a week.
Sporting activities in the turf area.
walking through and sitting and drawing.
My family uses the open field to play soccer, throw frisbees, etc.
I would like to take my grandson there more often, but the environment (vagrants, cigarette butts, needles, etc.) of the playground is not suitable for a three-year old or his grammy.
Relax on the grass and read under the trees (weather permitting.) Exercise my dog. Sit at one of the picnic benches (maybe enjoying a Euphoria chocolate.)
see above
I practice Tai Chi in the grassy area.
Walk perimeter
I read on the grass on my own chair or blanket; I also bring my grandbaby to swing and slide.
The grass area.
Walk along it, push children in swings.
I usually play sports with my friends, but I have to avoid to shelter and around the play structure do to the homeless activity and unsanitary conditions.
Play structure and the open grass area.
Playground & hyperspace
Sit at the picnic areas and enjoy looking out over the green space, sky, flowers, trees. I enjoy using the park for reading and just relaxing
Neighborhood gathering
I like to play frisbee and take my grand-kids to play on the swings and slide.
Play sports games on turf with children, Practice mountain bike technique on hardscape and turf.
i don't ever go to the park, even though it is across the street from my house. there's nothing at the park that attracts me. If I had children visiting, it would be great if there was a fun play area to take them to.
I don't use it much because of the presence of the transients and their pals. I walk through and around it with my dog frequently.
The "lawn" portion.
I mostly use the grass area for throwing a football around. When family visited, the kids used the playground and we ate at the picnic tables.
We have a little boy, so we play on the structure
JWN annual picnic and National Night Out.

Concrete surface and shelter at south end.
As a twelve year old, I generally visit the park with my four year old brother and my dad to throw around a football or frisbee. We use the grass area.
Push my children on the swings, walk through the park on my way somewhere else, sit or pace while cooling down from a run around the broader neighborhood
attend city sponsored gatherings.
playground and field

Question 8.

What do you think the GOALS of the park renovation should be?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	80
<i>answered question</i>	80
<i>skipped question</i>	15

Responses:

To modernize the park and make it welcoming to more people.
beauty neighborhood-ness ?? make it a welcoming destination for all ages the ability for activities for all ages
Be a place for a range of ages of people to congregate. Provide an area for families to enjoy outside activities.
Access, safety, activity, and recreation for a variety of ages.
Make it more fun -- I like the digger at Milton Park and the sand water play areas at Frank Kinney and Friendly Parks. My mom and dad want the park to feel like a safer place for me to go and play.
beauty, safety, create a place where everyone feels welcome,
Make the play area more attractive for families. Remove the covered area so that it is not a gathering place for illegal activity.
Maintain generally natural environment, provide safe play areas for children and QUIET relaxation for all
Decrease the homeless and drug use issues. Get local residents using the park again.
Close off the back exit with gate and lock that can be unlocked and open as necessary for utilities. Better and more lighting with light shields to prevent light into neighbors back yards.
Make it more inviting for everyone. Not overly developed. Open natural spaces
(not in hierarchical order) 1. Better play structure with more adaptable/imaginary play. 2.multi-generational amenities. 3. transparent layout, maintain visibility for security 4. complete 'paved' path around park, for biking, walking (keeping people moving through the site so no one place has stagnant zones, but convenient eddies) 5. well drained green space for frisbee, soccer, dog catch & throw,

(organized sports have better venues in adjacent parks, washington park, westmorland, & such)
The most important goal is dealing with the shelter which is a huge issue for not only the public in wanting to use the shelter to sit in, but not being able to because it is being utilized by drugs and alcohol use by drifters. It adds a lot of extra work for Parks and Open Space employees daily. All of the shelters throughout the Parks system do.
Increase traffic and interest in the park by Beautification (through art and landscaping) Upgrading play structures Connect sidewalks to circle around park to improve traffic flow
Get rid of the structure! It is just a hangout for transients. Leave the tables, otherwise the park is great. Well the sand in the playground is a little gross. Perhaps the same material that was used at the Monroe Park.
A clean playground like the Monroe Park. Undesirable people will not congregate there if more nice folks were there.
enhance natural areas
make safer for families; make more friendly for neighbors to use
My goals are two-part and of equal importance: 1 a)Resolve the current problems of illegal and disrespectful uses. 1 b) Create an attractive space that appeals to people of all ages.
Improve/replace existing facilities.
Safety for neighbors and park users. Preserving the park open space (no more concrete or pavement). Cut down or eliminate blindspots where illegal activity is taking place. Secure the covered space at night so no overnight camping. Put up signs giving homeless directions to resources; food and shelter.
Spruce up the park, Encourage more use by neighbors, Increase perception of safety
To create a neighborhood park that is a focal point of the neighborhood. Create a unique sense of place for this neighborhood. Create a park that can be used by the neighbors of all ages--simultaneously--in varied ways.
A nicer playground, perhaps more organized activities that would help to keep homeless people from using it as a gathering place.
Playground for neighborhood children. Site for community gatherings.
Make it a welcoming space to anyone in the neighborhood.
A place people can safely use. Getting rid of the shelter would probably help keep homeless and drug users from camping and harassing people who want to use the park.
To make the park attractive to more people, to make it a neighborhood gathering spot, a third place.
Make it a safe and pleasant place.
needs to be more kid/family friendly.
Provide a safe atmosphere for park-goers Reduce/Eliminate crime Reduce/Eliminate vagrancy
Cleaning/reorganizing the picnic gazebo areas; seem to have an aura of danger or dirtiness when walking up from 18th
increase recreational opportunities
Remove any aspect that attracts criminal activities and homeless campers
To make it into a more family oriented space and less homeless activity.
To clean it up in terms of homeless occupation. Lots of homeless people enjoy drinking high amounts of alcohol and then pass out on the grass at the park. That makes it hard for families or other people

to utilize the park in a positive manner.
My hope is that play structures are updated, the shelter is addressed so that there isn't criminal activity, and that the park becomes a place that I can visit more.
Kick out the druggies
To provide a more family friendly area.
Improve safety and reorganize the park to discourage the use of alcohol and anti-social behavior
Number one absolutely, positively MUST be to irradicate illegal and disrespectful behavior. Secondly, the park ought to be redesigned to be of more interest to more people, so as to attract positive uses. So...DEAL WITH DESIGN ELEMENTS THAT ATTRACT AND FACILITATE IMPROPER USE OF PARK, AND ADD FEATURES THAT ATTRACT MORE POSITIVE USES AND USER NUMBERS.
Keeping vagrants, drugs/needles, alcohol out.
TEAR DOWN THE GAZEBO!! Keep the bums out. Bring it back to a neighborhood park, not a homeless shelter.
Get rid of the drunks
Kids and families should feel comfortable hanging out there. Better equipment would be great--a water / splash park would be fantastic. Landscaping would be nice.
To attract more neighbors to use it while deterring crime.
A clean, safe environment for children to play.
safe space ...for activities.
Get rid of the gazebo. I know it has a lot of history, but it essentially is a flame to a moth for alcoholic homeless. Also reconfigure the park in a way so that there's no corner or hidden places where drug users can hang out. Needles are consistently found in our backyard.
Beauty, safety, better play equipment for children, preserving the tress that are there, keeeping an open space for playing frisbee and other similar activities, making it a better space for activities like musical performances. Making it easier to clean for events like picnics and birthday parties. Anything that will encourage more people to use it for positive rearecreational and social gatherings and not for illegal activies. More people using it in positive ways might discourage the negative uses?
Maintain the existing covered park structure, increase visibility into the structure and park areas from the adjacent streets, improve park lighting, continue to make the park easy to maintain.
The park renovation should be designed to eliminate or at least mitigate negative and illegal behaviors taking place at the park.
to do whatever it takes to deter the criminal behavior.
Make all areas visible from the street to limit abuse of the alley, remove the shelter to make the area less attractive to those that use it in inappropriate ways, improve the play structure to attract more families, improve drainage so the field isn't soggy and can be used more often in the rainy months
The goal should be to make it neighborhood-friendly and appropriate for families to visit and play, picnic, etc.
Make it safe for neighborhood residents to enjoy with their friends (people and animals.)
enhance the park by updating the facility to decrease of eliminate the unsavory nature of the park. Increase public safety, and create a welcome space for legitimate users
To encourage more use of the park. I want more gathering areas, benches, picnic tables.
Protect from public drinking and carousing.
Safety from drunks/transients. More benches for older people. More walking paths around complete park so it could be used for exercise walking around complete circle, or ?
I would like to see a primary goal of creating a space that discourages the use of illegal drugs, drinking, and loitering.
First and foremost to get rid of the drug traffic. I never go to the park because I don't feel safe and

furthermore there is a high incident of theft in and around my house and my neighbors house as a result.
Bringing the park up to current standards.
I think a goal would be to make it more neighborhood friendly and less of a homeless people gathering place in which is unsafe for teenagers
Get rid of the illegal activity. Increase opportunities for kids to play
Family oriented park
Upgrade items that are beginning to show their age like tables, shelter.
Improve safety; clean it up
The most important things to consider is that now the park has too many places to get out of view so drug dealers and addicts find it very attractive.
Crafting a shared outdoor space that people in the neighborhood really want to spend time in throughout the year.
Increase use of the park by neighbors. Neighbors should feel safe at the park. Discourage use of the park by transient adults. reduce crime.
Obviously, to reclaim it for the neighborhood and to create a place that neighbors of all ages want to visit frequently.
1. Safety and comfort for all groups 2. Promote physical activity 3. Increase aesthetic appeal
- Attract birds (might not work with all the outdoor cats around). - Create a family friendly place - Create a variety of uses, but fitting for a small neighborhood. (I don't want to look across the street and see a baseball diamond).
I have had some uncomfortable moments with transient individuals at the park, which is really unfortunate. The main "issue" has come from concern for my son. Also, I have seen a couple of people smoking pipes (not sure what was in them) in the bushes. All of this being said, I think a goal should be to make it more accessible to all people. We live just a block away from the park.
NO MATTER WHAT ELSE!!! -- The park must be a place where residents feel at ease and not put off by intimidating or anti-social behavior. Without achieving this GOAL, no other accomplishment matters. Beyond that essential goal, the park should serve to make the neighborhood a more attractive place for families to live, thus fostering the long-term health, stability and vitality of the neighborhood.
Improving the structure for play, getting rid of homeless activity. My hope, is to have a place I can go hang out with my brother without feeling threatened or uncomfortable by homeless activity.
Creating an open space that meets the needs of a variety of neighbors (children, teens, adults, seniors).
Creating a park which is safe and inviting.
attractive play area, nice benches, improved plantings, clear areas to set up games, etc.
Better, safer playground and a drastic reduction of illegal activity.

Question 9.

What EXISTING FEATURES OR ASPECTS of the park do you like the most, or feel are most important to preserve?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	76
<i>answered question</i>	76
<i>skipped question</i>	19

Responses:

Existing natural features, covered shelter.
terrace play area walkway lawn
Swings.
I do like the shelter but understand the issues. I would like it to stay if it could be used by everyone and not just by the homeless and dealers.
Play ground, grass, sand, trees for chasing falling leaves and sitting in the shade.
pavilion, paved area for small events/picnicking, open lawn area, playground
The play area and field.
Open space. Picnic table area kept clean and available to all.
I like the design of the shelter and the nearby playground equipment. It's easy to watch children while visiting at the shelter.
Open grass area is most used. lighting under the shelter is awful, but perhaps keep homeless from sleeping there. I'm sure you're aware the shelter area is well used by homeless and others and could use regular cleaning.
-multi surfaces with variable permeability (grass,paving,sand) -covered area for round the year use. -picnic tables covered and uncovered. -multiple seating options (formal & informal) -south facing berm. -multiple zones -well lit
The playground should not be expanded because we do not need to attract a larger use by the public. We have River Play and Washington Park for that. The playground equipment can have some update but no expansion. The trees and landscape are worth preserving.
The shelter and some of the lawn area should be preserved (for sunbathing, picnicking, and freebie)
Its all great except the structure and the sand.
The nice green grass and play area.
trees and shrubs especially along the alley
sunny; open green space
1) An open grassy area for playing games. 2) A playground area.
Picnic shelter is nice but small. Playground is good. Love the open green space.
The covered area.
The open, uninterrupted space.

Not especially tied to any particular feature. The rock walls and shelter are attractive. I think the shelter could be removed if the consensus is that it is the main attractor of undesirables, but it is a decent structure and it would be unfortunate to lose it.
Don't have a strong attachment to any of it.
Please do not replace playground equipment with plastic equipment.
The playground equipment needs upgrading, I feel that if more people used the park it would be less desirable as a "hang out". Like the covered area, but that makes for place to hang.
Play structures and open grassy area. Get rid of shelter and tables.
I hope we could retain the structure, although I understand the problems that raises.
The lawn is good for games and relaxing.
My kids enjoy the sand and the swings and it's nice to have a nearby place to go that has an open grassy area since our yard is small. But I wouldn't be upset if we lost any of these things if we gained a park that was more enticing in other ways.
The play ground area and the open space
the big open green, playground, covered tables
I like the covered picnic tables and benches, I belong to a cribbage club that likes to use those in the summer.
The open space.
Shelter, hard surface area, turf
The park is very pretty and a wonderful place for neighborhood residents to relax on sunny days
Open space for college students to tan, throw football, for families and friends to hangout and share positive moments out on the grass. It's not a big park, so the space being utilized is being used in the right way I think.
I like the grassy area.
the cover
location is wonderful.....amount of green space is wonderful!
open grassy areas
None, really, except that I like the open feel of the grassy area. So, openness is important in general, but specifically so that there is no place to "hide" and do illegal things.
The size and location.
The open space and the playground.
The playground and the open space
Playground / sand
Large grass field. Playground but please update.
Shelter, sand area and open space...
The amount of grass landscape is wonderful. Don't change anything about that.
Established beautiful trees and landscaping. Benches, picnic tables, open grassy area. Playground equipment (which needs updating)
The covered structure is great. I also like the large open lawn area and the playground.
The turf area is important to preserve.
I like the shelter, if it can be saved
the open field is nice and allows for multiple activities to happen at once. The picnic tables should remain.
The fact that it is an open space in our urban area and within walking distance of my home. It can be great!
Trees, grass, picnic tables. Its open feeling.

open areas
I like the openness of it, the trees. I was sad when the shrubs were ripped out, which makes the park look bleak.
Open space
large grassy field; children's play structures,
I do like the covered picnic area
Place for children to play and run around.
I feel that the only thing to preserve is the trees and also the spacious amount of grass for sports.
some open grass area
Nice to have covered area even if does attract all types & open area
Everything.
Large lawn; playground for children
The open place to have to go and be, and a place for kids to play and feel safe.
The shelter
The lampposts
Some of the hardwood trees
Big lawn area is nice.
An open oasis in the middle of a fairly dense neighborhood is important, as is the preservation of good old trees. I don't feel strongly about the shelter, but it's beautiful and it would be wonderful to find a way to preserve it and make it useful.
The play area, and the lawn.
I hear kids on the swings all the time, so we need to preserve a playground (not necessarily the one that's there now... but it must have swings).
Relaxing and community based atmosphere.
I really like the walkway on the western side, but it's kinda hidden and I didn't notice it until much later. At the same time, it doesn't feel very safe.
The shelter is nice, but it does play a role in the above issue.
To me, nothing is "sacred." I do lean towards keeping the shelter -- as long as it can be done while achieving the essential GOAL stated in #8.
The lawn space, because that is the part of the park that gets my family's use.
A play structure (although I am aware that the existing structure needs to be updated).
An open grassy space.
There is no feature or aspect that is important as the park is now except maybe for the trees that are there.

Question 10.

What do you feel needs to be IMPROVED OR CHANGED the most?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	75
<i>answered question</i>	75
<i>skipped question</i>	20

Responses:

Perhaps get a free City wireless access point to encourage more users with friendly intentions.
the shelter; 1. remove it 2. relocate it to the corner of 17 & Charnelton for increased public and police visibility.
A place for a basketball court for older kids. The play equipment is limited now.
A half basketball court would increase use by young and aging weekend athletes while also, perhaps, making is less attractive to squatters. I had foster kids for a number of years and we often walked to Lincoln School and then to Chavez for access to a basketball hoops. It would have been nice to have a hoop closer. If the 17th and Charnelton corner was converted to "hoops," it would disturb the least number of people with bouncing balls and keep that activity farther from the young children in the play area. Perhaps, move the play area to the other end since rarely can parents use the shelter while watching their kids play?
Better playground, basketball hoop for big kids like my sister, attract more nice people. Get rid of the shelter and the other hidden gathering places because they attract the not so nice activities/people using bad language, drugs, etc., in this park.
a way to discourage bad activity and let everyone feel comfortable; a better, safer, more attractive playground
Get rid if the covered area. Make the park more open so it won't attract people wanting "privacy "
Cleanliness at picnic / covered ares. Some more planting - shrubs small trees.
Close off the back walkway which is hard to monitor. Fence and lock with the possibility to open when necessary.
the shelter area and along the west fence line for property owners. More landscape with trees and plants
multigenerational, updated play structure as a local draw for families. This draw will dilute the current user population and show through example that there are many uses and and users of the park. Simply eliminating the structure will not solve the issue of disrespectful society members, it only removes amenities which everyone can benefit from. the thing is, the neighbors have a house to go to, the "disrespectful" folks using the park are coming here since they have no other place to be.
1. The public shelter is going to have to be re- evaluated. 2.The N.W.corner of the park sidewalk needs some re- evaluation because of drug activity in that area. The sidewalk behind David Gussett's property and John Mitchell's house is an unsafe entry way into the park because of the traffic in the 16th street alley. Drivers are unaware of the sidewalk there.
The sidewalk along the fence and berm that only have a "backdoor" entrance.

Get rid of the structure and the sand.
Get the nasty people out of there. They urinate and defecate where ever they please. Don't pick up after themselves and use foul language in addition to be intoxicated. Sitting there all day scaring away the nice people.
less grass lawn
improve playground
1) I would like to see the shelter removed, as, in spite of all of our discussions and brainstorming as a group, I don't see a satisfactory solution to solving the multitude of problems it attracts. 2) I would LOVE to have a sand & water play area that duplicates what is at Friendly Park -- I love the simplicity of that feature and have watched kids of all ages play cooperatively together for hours. 3) I would like to see a play structure similar to the one at Frank Kinney Park, as it allows for lots of imagination play and has a simple, natural appeal, though I would really like to add a slide to that concept -- similar to the one at Milton Park, perhaps. 4) I enjoy the basketball court at Milton Park and would really enjoy a similar size court at Charnel Mulligan. 5) Of course all the problem areas -- "back waters," areas of concealment, etc. need to be addressed effectively to discourage the less desirable activities.
Park could be improved for use as a neighborhood gathering space for events.
SEE above in # 7. More ordinary folks need to be using the park on a regular basis to deter or outnumber the disruptive users.
Shelter - remove tables and benches and make more open. Freshen up the paved bench/table area and make more open (reduce height of landscaping). Open up sight lines to 16th alley. Continue path around the north side and provide steps or seating on the north side - get more activity around the perimeter of park.
1. Shelter Clearly, the shelter is controversial. I think it is both a problem and an asset. I'm hopeful that a solution can be found in which the park can both provide some shelter (for gathering or exercising in the rain, for example) and not be inviting for illegal activities.
People picking up cigarettes instead of leaving them in the sand in the playground.
the playground
Get rid of shelter and tables. Get rid of shrubbery that is used by transients.
Eliminate pockets within the park that are not visible from the street. Update/improve the playground.
Cleaning it up & keep out the drug users.
The main reason we don't go to the park more is that it doesn't offer a lot for the kids, and it isn't likely we're going to run into other families from the neighborhood there. So, for me, the thing that needs to change the most is that it needs to become a draw somehow. Play equipment is a big one, but I'd like to see something for adults, too. Something that makes it both a neighborhood hang-out and a nice place for people to be while they wait for a table at Cornucopia.
the covered space with 24 hour electric light is only a draw for the homeless. It has to go or move to the outer corner so people are openly visible.
WAY too many homeless drinking, smoking pot, camping. They pretty much take over the covered tables.
Gazebo area
add activities that may bring more people to park suggestion: add concrete "corn toss" game
Remove the covered structure, plant shrubbery that prevents people from tagging the fence and/or

pooping/peeing along the fence. Remove the hidden areas in the far corner that attract illegal activities.
The roof building is a concern at Charnel Mulligan because most of the people attracted to that roof cover are homeless who use it to avoid bad weather and to drink and smoke under. It is rarely used for neighborhood or family events which it should be utilized for instead of sprawls of homeless people. I realize homelessness is a growing concern and should and is being addressed daily but the park could benefit from not having that activity. I have been going to Charnel Mulligan park since I was real young and homeless activity has always been an issue.
Less spots where criminal activity could take place and more community/police patrols.
There needs to be more patrol of police to keep drug users out of the park. There are so many needles there.
Remove the covered structure. Make the park safe and welcoming to families and anyone willing to abide by park rules and city laws.
Eliminate hiding places and areas that facilitate lack of accountability for behavior, like behind berms, and the NW corner. The covered shelter ought to be removed. Redesign ought to strike a balance between inviting folks to use the park without being "too inviting." For example, it is nice to have picnic tables and benches, but they also attract illegal activities and camping. So, be thoughtful about their placement and numbers. I suggest starting from scratch with the park's design, and make your plan based on the desire to eliminate the current problems and maximize positive uses. Easier said than done, but this is essential. Otherwise, why bother wasting good money on any changes. If the current problems are not eliminated or at least GREATLY reduced, neighbors will continue to avoid the park and adjacent property owners will continue to suffer vandalism and many will continue to move away as has happened many times already.
The people there.
TEAR DOWN THE GAZEBO!!! And remove hiding places: dirt mound and tall bushes.
All the drunken loitering
Playground Water feature
Playground for small children and adding something for older kids. Climbing wall perhaps? Picnic tables with chess boards or other similar games imbedded in table tops.
Removing the sand and replace with woodchips and increasing the safety and usability of the play structure may increase the number of children and families that use the park. Likewise, if the park is no-smoking and there is a better attempt to clean up broken bottles, then I think the grassy area would be more inviting for picnics, sports, etc.
Personally, I'd like a basketball hoop to be added.
See #7.
Better playground equipment. I don't think sand is a good idea for this park. I have seen broken glass on the concrete around the play equipment too often. Comfortable places for people to sit and watch children playing, picnic tables closer to the play equipment? maybe? Possible police bike patrols to discourage inappropriate use of the park for illegal activities and to create a sense of safety for everyone. How about a free standing chimney to attract Chimney or Faux (spelling?) Swifts
The landscaped area along 17th Avenue seems difficult to maintain and unfinished.
The shelter needs to go, or at least framed in so it can no longer be used for illegal activities.
more policing
the shelter needs to be removed, the alley needs to be visible from the street, the play structure needs updating
The covered 'picnic' area needs to be uncovered to discourage camping! A family atmosphere needs

to be emphasized and encouraged; other activities need to be discouraged. My daughter turned down a rental house across the street because of the unsavory atmosphere at the park.
More EPD surveillance for rowdiness, threatening behavior, unlawful after-hours and over-night presence.
that shelter has got to go
Drainage so grass is less wet. Also would like more shelters and hard surfaces for wintertime use.
More benches for older people. More walking paths around complete park so it could be used for exercise walking around complete circle, or ? MORE variety of play structures and a water feature for babies.
I don't have strong feeling about a shelter or not, however if we stay with a shelter I would like to somehow have the design discourage the current use of it (camping, sleeping, drinking alcohol)
lighting and closing the alley access
Upgraded play equipment.
The most needed improvement is to stop letting the homeless use it for gathering and what not.
Get rid of unwanted people
New play structure
Infrastructure - tables, etc.
Shelter - make it lockable or remove it.
To figure out how make the shelter more inviteing to the neighbors and less inviteing to the creeps and abusers. It may have to be torn down, but I hope it stays but moved to the South East corner of the park. There are some other places beyond the ally(along the west side of the park) that are too convenient for druggies to hang out ,those places don't seem too bad until you go and look at the mess of needles , feces and nasty stuff left there by abbusers.
The shelter
Circulation and access (physical and visual)
Removal of hiding places
As much as I like the shelter, it needs to go. It provides a place for transient adults to hang out all day and night. I think the park should be flat, without the berms in the back towards the fences on the west side. That just provides a place for people to do things they shouldn't do in a public park. Provide more play structure/activities for kids. Maybe a 1/2 court for basketball for youth and the college students that live in the neighborhood.
Parks that offer people recreational opportunities attract lots of visitors and that keeps them safe. In reclaiming this park, more is needed than children's equipment. Riverside Park in New York City has some small flower gardens tended by neighbors that draw both gardeners and people who like to look at flowers. Also, there are organizations in town that might be willing to create and teach neighbors to maintain demonstration gardens -- waterwise or native plant. Parks in Boston have exercise stations for adults -- chinning bars and the like -- that might attract students from the new buildings downtown. Think adult recreation.
As a 12 year resident within sight of the park, I can reasonably say that the picnic shelter is used *exclusively* by transients.
Hate the sand in the playground. Cats use it as a litter box. Safety... I feel nervous walking around it at night... but I also don't want a bunch of lights shining on it. My bedroom faces the park. I'd like to see more trees.
It would be great to have a "toddler area" as there is at some other parks. The structure itself needs some updating.
Obviously, what needs to be changed most is minimizing the intimidating and anti-social behavior by

some individuals. If nothing else were changed, I believe most area residents would be ecstatic over the outcome.
Beyond that, I believe the City and JWN Executive Board need to do a valid assessment of JWN residents preferences, with a heavier "weighting" of the opinions of resident home owners who live north of W. 13th Ave. and East of the Fairgrounds.
I think the shelter needs to be removed, or patrolled vigilantly so that homeless camping can not occur. Also, getting rid of drug dealers and alcoholics who hang out in the northwest corner along the walkway from 16th through the park. I would like to see a half basketball court, a better/taller slide, and a larger sand play area.
The situation with drinking / drug use and sales in the park NEEDS to change.
improve the children's play area, get rid of the shelter, make it attractive for all ages.
The shelter needs to be removed or blocked off so the park is less of an attraction for illegal behavior.

Question 11.

What do you feel are the most important ISSUES facing the park?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	76
<i>answered question</i>	76
<i>skipped question</i>	19

Responses:

Antisocial behavior.
the ability for more recreational activities removing the unsavory characters meshing all users, neighbors and homeless.
There are often people smoking at the picnic table/shelter, which makes it undesirable for families with children.
Safety and squatters. It is very uncomfortable to even walk through the park, let alone use the play structures with visiting children.
Better playground, make it a nicer place to play for me and other kids. Discourage the not so nice activities that some people do at the park.
occupation by the same group of people/behaviors that keep the rest of us from enjoying the park
Public drinking and drug dealing.
Security.
Drug use and homeless camping.
Dogs running loose. This is NOT a dog park. There needs to be better signage to advise people that this is NOT a dog park ! There needs to be more police visits to the park to discourage the transients from drinking and sleeping on the tables.

I always feel welcome and have never been bothered by any homeless inhabitants, however they do sometimes leave the place messy and even vandalized. I have seen bottles and unsanitary items left behind. Some homeless sleep under the shelter and back along the fence. I've never had a problem with them.
The lopsided user group of the park seems to deter other populations from enjoying the park. I simply bring my kid there and figure the homeless guys and heroine junkies are uncomfortable too. We all know what's appropriate, some of 'us' let our id and/or addiction override our sense of social responsibility. So how do you instill social values through physical design, THAT'S the BIGGEST issue facing this park and our greater society.
The most important issue facing the park is public safety around the shelters and the NW corner.
Increasing traffic flow and interest of the park to alleviate and displace the increased traffic of undesirable behavior.
The structure and the people that occupy it.
Get the nasty people out of there. The urinate and defecate where ever they please. Don't pick up after themselves and use foul language in addition to be intoxicated. Sitting there all day scaring away the nice people.
too sport-sy
unsafe for families; cleanliness; hangout for drug users/ alcoholics
1) Attracting positive uses, 2) discouraging the negative illegal/disrespectful uses.
Safety. Criminal behavior. Using the bushes as a bathroom. Disruptive behavior at all hours.
Perception that the park is not safe, keeping neighborhood from using it more. Shelter seems to attract transients, and the connection to 16th alley is too dark and hidden. Generally, there are not enough eyes on the park because it's not fronted by houses or more active uses on all sides. Opening sight lines to all parts of the park is important.
1. There are not enough eyes on the park. Only a few houses actually look onto the park at all times. 2. Not enough use by the neighborhood. If the park was used more by the neighbors--including patrons of Cornucopia--the population would squeeze out undesirable activity. 3. At least for an interim time, the park should be regularly patrolled to make the statement that illegal activity here will not be tolerated.
The cleanliness. I constantly pick up discarded cigarettes when I am there.
the homeless people using it as a gathering spot to sleep during the day. I realize that this is part of a larger problem, and feel the city should move ahead as quickly as possible to establish a safe place for homeless people to sleep and store their few possessions.
Create a safe place for children to play. Get rid of the drug dealers and drug users.
Reduce drug traffic and homeless population.
Feeling safe.
A lot of neighbors say they don't visit the park because of drug use and the population of homeless people who hang out there. Maybe because we don't live right by the park or because we don't visit it more regularly, these issues aren't a deterrent for us, nor is the shelter, which I'd hate to see go. I'd like to see us focus on populating the park. That's the issue for me--that the park is this big great space that doesn't get used by the people who live around it. For whatever reason we don't go to the park, its lack of use sort of contributes to its lack of use.
The alley corner where drug dealing and other unsavory behavior occurs as well as the the covered space.
see answer #9
Vagrants
taken over by transient population

drugs, homeless campers that have taken over the structure and abuse neighboring homes, continual tagging of the fence line, homeless people using the park as their personal bathroom
Homeless activity
Homeless activity
Criminal activity, homeless youth being displaced from downtown, drug use
Safety. And the lack of a welcoming environment. Like many Eugene parks, it serves in large part as a place to hang out, get drunk and stones. That is a hostile environment for children.
I guess I have already answered this.
Drug abuse and crime.
The homeless occupation of the park.
The public intoxication
Obviously the street people turn away a lot of families from the park which is sad as it's in a great location in a vibrant neighborhood.
Crime in general. The shelter attracts drug and alcohol use and creates an uncomfortable environment for families and kids.
I see more adults frequenting the park than children, so I worry about safety. There are often cigarette butts and broken glass in the sand and grass areas, so I'm unlikely to let my children play.
Safety
See #7.
Making it a place people feel comfortable and safe to use. Design to discourage illegal activities. Maintaining and improving its attractiveness.
Open visibility from the street to not make it a safe haven for transients to use for extended stays. Keep the playground area safe and in excellent condition.
The shelter, the depression in the alley that borders the back fences of residents living on Lincoln Street and the north entry off 16th Avenue.
homeless occupation
illegal activities by groups of people create an unwelcoming environment for others
Safety, cleanliness, appropriate play structures, picnic equipment.
Influx of transients hanging out there.
all of the familiar social issues
Homelessness. The people using the one shelter need a place to live. What can we do about that?
Drinking
SAFETY/drug use/trash transients/ lack of variety for little ones
Safety due to inappropriate use of the park.
Drug/homeless traffic
Gathering of transients regularly.
The issues are finding a way to move the homeless people away and also the general overhang that provides shelter that is more likely to keep homeless people there.
Illegal activity get rid of or enclose covered area
Make it more inviting to family play.
Homeless - some of the time. Not always a problem. Sometimes worry about safety for others.
Safety
Getting the drug dealers and trasients out of the park . The other thing is the shelter needs a good plan , over the last 30 years I've seen it get taken over by transients and hardcore druggies, these people use intimidation to chase the neighbors away. The shelter should be closed at a certan time of day or if left open it should be moved to the S.E. corner of park so it's more visually exposed to the

police and less inviting to people doing drugs and alcohol. Another thing I've noticed is that the more the Eugene bicycle-police come though the park the less the druggies are there. A patrol car is visible for blocks before it gets to the park druggies can see it coming and can hide what they are doing easily, the bicycle can come in the park from a lot of directions and has the element of surprise.
Dominance of park throughout the year by users who misuse facilities and intimidate other users. Lack of year round attraction
Get people using the park. Take back the park from transients. I think this needs to be a joint effort with EPD.
Clearly, the drug situation. Also misuse by dog owners. And too much use of herbicides on the lawn.
Safety and comfort.
Homelessness. A feeling of safety.
The homeless population
Obviously, the intimidating and anti-social behavior by some individuals.
The street kids and homeless people who camp and drink/ do drugs in the park. It's against the law, and it's gross.
Safety and cleanliness
drugs and drinking by transients or youth is a huge problem. This issue keeps people away from the park. No one wants to deal with this! It is unattractive the way it is now.
Drug use, litter, camping. Harassment of families and children by individuals involved with illegal activities.

Question 12.

What additional information would you need in order to provide informed input about the renovation of Charnel Mulligan Park?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	43
<i>answered question</i>	43
<i>skipped question</i>	52

Responses:

Number of users every week, number of residents within 1/2 mile, number of phone calls to police/911 weekly about antisocial behavior.
I was impressed with the initial meeting, (I've served on both TransPlan and Urban Renewal Advisory Committees, and will continue to be involved. The cost vs value of each suggestion would be helpful and how we, as concerned neighbors can influence decisions.
Several design options would be useful. Discussing the costs/benefits of various options (not just \$\$ but social, environmental costs too).
Available funds and neighborhood opinion
budget and regulatory issues

We need ALL the NEIGHBORHOOD to weigh in on this issue and be sure we are not simply catering to the squeaky wheels or overly focused individuals.
None.
The next steps after the survey.
Make a plan put it out there and see what people think.
I encourage you to have fun with recreating our park! My hope is that you allow yourself a fairly blank slate as you approach this project and don't get bogged down by trying to work too much with what is already there. Follow your joy!
None, but any additional details are welcome.
I'd like to know how others use the park and what they would like to see done to it.
None. I hope this process can be a creative one rather than a political one. Folks from outside this immediate neighborhood (outside a 5 block radius) may have their own agenda and don't necessarily speak for this neighborhood.
I would love to see a community garden site there, though I know several people use it exercise their dogs. Again I feel encouraging and facilitating wholesome activities will help to discourage unwholesome activities.
Group/neighborhood consensus. Most of the neighbors bordering the park are renters. They do not show much interest in watching for appropriate behaviors
???
knowing possible changes that are contemplated
How seriously is the illegal activity in this park being taken and will you assure a plan that addresses that as the number one issue?
Scale of changes possible (amount of money to be spent), what are the City's intentions and goals, and seeing several design possibilities on paper.
To see it improved
I do not wish to participate any longer in any other surveys regarding this issue. I'm through with Charnel Mulligan park.
Just to be updated on meetings related to the park.
Would appreciate another community meeting with updates as to progress.
The renovation does not need to include purchasing a new playground. That would take a lot of taxpayer money. Focus more on getting rid of the gazebo and the corner of the park. These will solve a majority of the problems.
If you remove the berm to make the alley more visible how many trees would you need to remove? Could the picnic shelter be moved to be in a more visible place and away from nearby yards and houses?
None.
don't know
some suggestions about what has and had not worked for other parks with similar issues. what the budget is so that the improvements can be prioritized, input from law enforcement about ways the community can help reinforce a welcoming environment at the park
I'll be interested to read news reports about the input received about this neighborhood issue.
I'll sign up for e-mail information. Thanks!
I want to see facts or research about what other parks have done to deal with these same problems and encourage more neighborhood use.
I lived 2 blocks away when built in 83. Many strolls there over the years.
Remove the alley access - there's a ton of sketchy people that use that part and the fence along that

wall is so foul. It reeks of urine.
Make sure it is child friendly and hopefully uninhabited by the homeless.
the result of this survey
potential cost and funding available
Demographic study of 1/2 mile use zone
Feasibility of volunteer labor/maintenance corps
Is this entirely your project or are others involved in the design of the new park, and if so, are they City employees or do you have outside help?
Good luck with the grant proposal.
Keep the information flowing.
Maybe the budget limitations and other community insights.
VERY IMPORTANT! Residents need basic education and facts, based on experiences with other parks in similar contexts, about the effects produced by certain design elements and features. The "context" is small park, in middle of predominantly single-family, detached housing (with nearby multi-family housing and student housing) in an area that is "close-in" to the city center and subject to high misuse by a dysfunctional, transient population. The City should make a serious effort to garner this type of information from other cities.
it would be interesting to see other parks in the City and get some ideas on the newly renovated areas. I'm pleased to know that the City is wanting to improve this park.
The park needs to become more attractive to nearby families and children and less attractive to elements that engage in unlawful and undesirable behavior.

Question 13.

Are there any additional comments or suggestions you feel would be helpful?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	53
<i>answered question</i>	53
<i>skipped question</i>	42

Responses:

Free public wireless points would increase attendance substantially, and might encourage a good mixture of alternative classes of citizens.
Thanks for making our park a nicer place to play!
Please don't "over design" this park to satisfy people who want "features". This park works well now and IMAO, needs just a few tweaks to get it right. The pavilion is NOT the issue, anti-social behavior IS. By calling on the community to help monitor the park, and EPD to respond to complaints we can take back OUR park.
If the park cannot be renovated to attract more families it should be turned into something else.
If a nice playground were put in I think families might start using it. Once residents use the park more I

think many of the undesirable characters who hang out in the park will leave.
Often, there are homeless camping and parking on the street at the park, and are using (occupying) the shelter and tables as their "living room" during the day and evening and intimidating anyone else from using them. They "spread out" leaving no room for any of the neighbors.
no
I got involved with this group 2 years ago to find out what my neighbors issues with the park were. I live 2 blocks away from the park. It is halfway between my home and work. I ride my bike past it 4-6x a day. I see/smell kids smoking weed there. I see bike brigades, with trailers of 'stuff'in tow, drinking their hooch under the structure. I've seen a handful of incidents which seemed questionable/dangerous. For the most part the behavior has been benign and simply self-destructive, and illegal, but not dangerous. In the 10 years we've lived in the neighborhood I have had items (bikes, random garage items) stolen and my only concern is that the park is a hub of theft. I know addiction brings desperation and crime is a quick 'fix' to desperation. Relative to that; 2 summers ago I saw one character cooking breakfast every morning for a group of rough lookin guys. It became clear he was organizing or trading his aid for theirs. Who knows what aid, but that was when break ins were skyrocketing. That was the only time I saw something growing out of control, which concerned me. Policing is a band-aid solution but patterned routes past the park DO help, we've seen it change the population size and frequency.
No.
Get rid of the structure.
What about an enclosed space that can be rented for events like Lamb Cottage or Washington Park? The covered area just attracts loiterers. A surface different from sand for the play area. Public bathrooms like Monroe Park.
To summarize requested improvements: 1) sand/water play area like Friendly Park; 2) play structure like Frank Kinney with a nice slide attached; 3) basketball court like Milton Park; 4) we discussed a paved path to circumnavigate the park for walkers, tricycle/bicycle riders, etc.; 5) remove shelter; 6) effectively deal with concealed areas; When visiting other local parks, I noticed I tend to enjoy the features that allow for the most imagination, and are therefore fairly simple and natural. By the way, my son REALLY liked the digging feature at Milton, and has been asking to return to that park for that specific reason.
It is important to listen to the neighbors who live close, but also take a larger view to preserve multi-uses in this park, as it is one of very few usable parks and open spaces in the west side neighborhoods.
Close-in neighbors' comments should be given primary consideration. Experiences from other neighborhoods are good for reference, but each locale has specific issues known better by everyday users.
I am hopeful that the new renovation of this park can be a unique reflection and representation of this neighborhood and distinguishable from other neighborhood parks. I would love to see fun and creative pieces that double as both art and play structures. I like natural entities like big rocks, sand, water, wood, etc. to be used as play equipment rather than standard play equipment chosen from a catalog. I like the idea of the neighborhood helping with the upkeep of the park and would gladly be a volunteer in this regard. We also have many talented artists, woodworkers, architects, gardeners, etc. in this neighborhood who might be willing to donate time and input and who could provide a more unique neighborhood "signature" to his park.

The church across the street has its back to the park so that leaves only a few houses on Charnelton that actually have a constant view of it. Monroe Park, on the other hand, has its four sides "watched" by the neighborhood. One thing that was done to improve the use of Monroe Park was to elicit the help and support of the local church down the street. The newly owned church across from Charnel-Mulligan park might be open to join the neighborhood in taking responsibility for this park and supporting positive, neighborly uses of it.
For some reason the street near the park has become a place to people to car camp. The sooner we set up a safe, clean, supervised place for the homeless to be, the easier it will be to get them to stop using our public parks as hotels.
Please do not locate main attractions close to my rental house (257 w. 17th). The transients were using the water faucets on the house to wash their dishes and using my lawn as a restroom. They were sitting at the table in the shelter and observing the comings and goings of my tenants. I built a higher and longer fence last year, but it would still be a safer place without a hangout near the house.
I don't have a particular vision for what the new park should look like. I hope you won't get bogged down by folks like Paul Conti who hijack the conversation.
As part of the neighborhood group that's been meeting for the last few years to talk about the park, first of all, THANK YOU. We really appreciate that the city is devoting some money and energy to our park. We hope you'll consider some of our ideas. I'd love to see the park reflect the unique, colorful character of the neighborhood. I'm thinking about art in the form of murals or tilework, maybe a sculpture that doubles as a play structure or a bench. On a recent trip to San Francisco, our family noticed how creative and unique the parks were there, how much art was incorporated in fun and thoughtful ways. With so many artists in the neighborhood, I bet we could come up with something that really suits the park. Another idea is a path that meanders around the park's perimeter, giving neighbors a place to stroll after dinner and kids a safe place to learn to ride a bike. I don't know how feasible it is, but I also really like the idea of offering a space for food carts in the cement area. We all love Cornucopia, and I think its success shows that our neighborhood could support more food vendors. This would go a long way to populate the park in a positive way, especially during the dinner hours and after. (For a great model, look at what's happening at 27th and Friendly).
Do something to make the west fenced area more visible to those in the park or passing by.
no
More parks in Eugene should feature covered picnic tables and benches
add corn toss game to park easy, inexpensive, fun
Please find a way to give this park back to the neighbors and have it be a safe place to take children (no more needles along fences and in the sand).
I work at Cornucopia 2 houses down from the park. More than a dozen times homeless and or drug users come to use our bathroom. They have left many needles and blood in the restrooms, making it very unsafe for anyone. Also shoving the needles and paper towels down the sink. So awful. I don't mind at ALL if someone is homeless and needs to stay dry under the cover at the park, but the drug users have really made an impact on the community. Nothing more gross than taking your little kid to play at the swings only to find 2 drug needles poking out of the sand. :(
This is a problem for all of the Eugene parks near downtown. The parks department needs to take public safety and the enforcement of it's own rules seriously.
Thanks for the help, good luck, and hopefully we can all work together as a team and hit a home run

on this one.
I lived in a house across from the park on Charnelton Street for 25 years. I moved because I was sick and tired of the bums I witnessed every day in the park, and the lack of police response! I have witnessed fist fights, drunkenness, loud and obnoxious behavior, defecation, urination, drug use and sales, dog fights, threats, destruction of park property (the list goes on) by drunks and homeless who occupy the park daily. It has gotten worse over the past several years! I got fed up and moved out of the neighborhood, to Springfield. I put my house on the market (and sold it) in one of the worst real estate markets in the history of our nation, mostly to get away from that park. I have not regretted leaving the neighborhood, or Eugene since the time I moved to Springfield. I had previously lived in Eugene my entire adult life. TEAR DOWN THE GAZEBO!!! THE GAZEBO ATTRACTS THE HOMELESS.
Last nice warm day I was at the park, I witnessed a very intoxicated man exposing himself to a young family with kids while he urinated on the grass. Take down the roof, it only offers shelter for homeless people. More foot patrols: I'm sick of seeing people getting hammered on 40 ounces very day.
If the shelter stays, it should be closed at night and possibly only available by reservation by day.
I would look forward to being a part of the public process for this park renovation.
All age groups need to be considered.
Any chance that there could be access to water (other than the drinking fountain) for cleaning before picnics and for making large quantities of things like lemonade? How about easier access to electricity when someone wants to reserve the park for a musical event and for a PA system for events?
Do you have an hour or so? Call me.
the whole neighborhood is plagued by homeless people.
I would like to see EPD regularly patrolling the park on bicycle. With increased homelessness and the downtown exclusion zone, transients are moving en mass to near-by neighborhood parks like Charnel Mulligan.
It seems that some people feel the park has safety issues, but I have never felt unsafe in the park. The one document I have seen does not site any examples or documentation about the safety, such as police reports of crimes committed. Exhibiting "disrespectful" behavior is not a crime. I am not in favor of Locked gates and fences, which only chases everyone away, and does not solve anything.
It's a great large space; too bad so little usable, and not safe.
THANK YOU for taking on this project. I am very excited to see the City invest in our neighborhood.
Whatever happens with the park, I'd just really love to see the removal of drug users because they come down a block or two to where I live and do the drugs and drink in my back alley way.
Keep a large field. Do not create a place for homeless people to camp under.
Currently this is not inviting to those of us who live near by because of the drug use/homeless people who park themselves there. However we can get rid of these types and make it more attractive for those of us who live nearby...the better it will be for our community.
I like the park and use it often as do others. It just needs to be maintained and people need to encourage to use it. If it is used a lot there would be fewer social issues, perhaps.
Altho' I understand about the problems associated with overnite sleeping at the park, I am sympathetic w/allowing homeless camping on city properties.
Either close off access at the NW corner or reconfigure entire alley zone to negate loitering, defecating and camping.
I would be happy to be a neighborhood volunteer for the park.
I thought that it was a terrific meeting last evening and that the immediate neighbors were remarkably restrained, given what they have to put up with.
Thanks for making CMP a priority. If the work goes forward, it will enhance the neighborhood and

increase property values.
I'm a MCRP grad student at UO and would love to be involved.
It might be fun to have space for bocce/horse shoes or other lawn games.
<p>There is a HUGE potential for positive use and stewardship by the 1,200 or so students who will reside only three blocks to the north by the time the project is completed. This should be given careful consideration.</p> <p>POS should broaden their approach beyond just _physical_ renovation and propose an integrated "rejuvenation" of the park that closely couples design, police patrols, programs (City and other organizations), and a volunteer "Friends of JWN Parks" organization,</p> <p>The City should have a formal Resident Advisory Committee, with some or all members appointed by the JWN board.</p> <p>There needs to be a more _iterative_ approach. The one "tee up" meeting on December 4 and this very basic survey are not at all sufficient for the project. No one would follow such a limited approach to designing even a single-family home.</p>
<p>To be honest, I (and I think most neighbors agree) am most concerned safety and cleanliness - keeping the drinkers, drug users, fighters, vandals out of the park, and making it a safe, welcoming place for all kinds of neighbors. I am much less concerned with the specific design of the park, than I am with the creation of a design that facilitates the improvement of the overall quality of experience that will result with a decrease in the above mentioned behaviors.</p>
<p>If there is a structure or shelter, perhaps it could be situated in an area that is attractive and would discourage transients from hanging out there. Perhaps it could be a small building such as Washington Park. A gathering place for all seasons. Picnic tables places throughout.</p>